

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 506

By Burks

A RESOLUTION to honor J. Scott Chadwell upon the occasion of his retirement from the University of Tennessee Extension office in Putnam County.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those individuals who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their careers; and

WHEREAS, J. Scott Chadwell is one such estimable citizen who has served with distinction for forty years as an employee with the University of Tennessee Agricultural Extension; he took a much deserved retirement on January 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Chadwell earned a Bachelor of Science degree in animal science from the Tennessee Technological University and a Master of Science degree in agricultural extension education from the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Chadwell has served the agricultural community of Putnam County since 1974, he began his career as an assistant extension agent and earned several well deserved promotions, culminating in the position of extension agent III and county director; and

WHEREAS, during his meritorious career Mr. Chadwell oversaw the growth of the Putnam County 4-H program, including the implementation of the horse project group, the sheep project group, and a growth in membership from sixty-seven clubs and 1850 members to 101 clubs and 2,500 members today; and

WHEREAS, serving as an advisor, Mr. Chadwell was involved with the Putnam County Fair for thirty-nine years; and

WHEREAS, an instrumental part of the agricultural community, he offered his expertise in agricultural education in partnership with Tennessee Technological University, organized the

creation of a Cookeville farmer's market, co-founded the Upper Cumberland Forestry Association, and aided the Putnam County Cattleman's Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Chadwell implemented the Tennessee Master Gardener program in Putnam County, which has graduated over 375 master gardeners and won the Tennessee Master Gardener Search for Excellence award in 2010, 2011, and 2013; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Chadwell was the president of the Ag. Foundation at Tennessee Technological University for three years and was named Distinguished Agricultural Alumnus by the Tennessee Technological University in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Chadwell played an integral role in developing a Wildlife Judging program which won the National Championship in 1991, 2012, and 2013; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Chadwell's ability and commitment to serving his community was recognized when he was awarded the William D. Bishop Faculty Award in 2013, named an Outstanding Agricultural Agent, and received the Hicks Award of Excellence and the Distinguished Service Award from the Tennessee Association of Agricultural Agents and Specialists; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Chadwell proved himself to be an invaluable asset to the Putnam County agricultural community through his initiative, dedication, and willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty for the citizens of Putnam County; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend J. Scott Chadwell upon his exemplary years of service with the University of Tennessee Extension Service in Putnam County on the occasion of his retirement and wish him much success and happiness in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.